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ACCREDITATION

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CIRCULAR NOTE FROM PREPARATORY SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN BELGRADE FROM 25-29 JULY 1978. IT WILL BE PRECEDED BY A PREPARATORY MEETING, FROM 22-24 JULY. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PERTINENT SECTIONS OF NOTE DATED MAY 8:

2. "A) THE PRESS SERVICE OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAS STARTED PREPARATIONS FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL COVER THE CONFERENCE. JOURNALISTS WHO WISH TO BE ACCREDITED SHOULD NOTIFY THE PREPARATORY SECRETARIAT, NOT LATER THAN 25 JUNE, OF THEIR INTENTIONS TO COVER THIS CONFERENCE, BY A LETTER OR TELEX SENT BY THEIR EDITORIAL OFFICE. PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED THE APPLICATION FORMS FOR ACCREDITATION. IF THE EDITORIAL OFFICES SHOULD NEED MORE APPLICATION FORMS, OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION, THEY CAN APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE PRESS SERVICE OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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PERPARATORY SECRETARIAT-PRESS SERVICE
SAVA CENTER
MILENTIJA POPOVICA 9,
11070 BEOGRAD, YUGOSLAVIA
TELEX 11992 YU MINCON, AND 12992 YU MINCON
TELEPHONE: (011) 635-838
CABLE ADDRESS: MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

SAVA CENTER,
BELGRAD, YUGOSLAVIA

B) THE APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE PREPARATORY SECRETARIAT BY 25 JUNE 1978. PRESS IDENTIFICATION BADGES FOR THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE WILL BE ISSUED AT THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS CENTER (TRG REPUBLIKE 5, THIRD FLOOR, OR OTHER ENTRANCE FROM KNEZ MIHAJLOVA 6, TEL (011) 638-527 AND 637-722 EXT 51), FROM 18-24 JULY, BETWEEN 8 AM AND 12 NOON, AND 1 PM AND 6 PM. THE BADGES AND SPECIAL STICKERS FOR PARKING WILL BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY. IN ORDER TO BE ACCREDITED TO THE CONFERENCE, JOURNALISTS WILL NEED TO SHOW THEIR PASSPORTS AND PRESS CREDENTIALS.

C) ONLY CARS WITH AN APPROPRIATE STICKER WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE "SAVA CENTAR". AS A LARGE NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN BELGRADE, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO NEWSREEL AND TV CREWS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO CARRY PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT. STICKERS FOR THE REMAINING PARKING SPACE WILL BE ISSUED IN THE ORDER IN WHICH APPLICANTS WERE RECEIVED. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE PRESS SERVICE COULD BE INFORMED ABOUT THE LICENCE PLATE NUMBERS OF THE CAR AND THE NAME OF THE DRIVER IN ADVANCE.

D) HOTEL RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE ARRANGED DIRECTLY THROUGH: SAVA CENTAR, DIREKCIJA, MILENTIJA POPOVICA 9, 11070 BELGRAD, TEL (011) 635-448, TELEX 12042 YU SAVCEN, BY 25 JUNE AT THE LATEST..."

3. EMBASSY RECEIVED ONLY TWO COPIES APPLICATION FORM. WILL PROCURE SUPPLY AND FORWARD TO DEPARTMENT. THE APPLICATION DATE OF JUNE 25
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SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AN ABSOLUTE CUT-OFF DATE AFTER WHICH APPLICATIONS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED, IF PAST PRACTICE IS ANY GUIDE. DURING CSCE, THE PRESS OFFICE CONTINUED TO ACCREDIT RIGHT UP TO THE FINAL DAY. AS THE PRESS STAFF FOR THE MINCON IS MUCH THE SAME, WE EXPECT THE SAME FLEXIBILITY. HOWEVER, FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW, IT IS HIGHLY DESIREABLE THAT APPLICATIONS BE MADE EARLY. IN FACT, CHIEF OF PRESS SERVICE HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT IF THE TELEX OR LETTER NOTIFICATION MENTIONED IN 2 A ABOVE ARE RECEIVED BY 25 JUNE, THE ACTUAL APPLICATION FROM MAY BE FILLED OUT ON ARRIVAL, AND CREDENTIALS WILL BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY.
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